

The Woman's Forum

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Let us consider "hard times." Everywhere one goes, from the cabin of the negro tenant to the luxurious home of the successful manufacturer, one hears the same groan of "hard times," when the truth of the matter is "there aint no sich animal." Money does not circulate as freely as it did a few years ago; it is difficult to mortgage your land, your crop, live stock or your limousine; nobody wants to lend his poor brother enough ready cash to buy a new car; also, more's the pity, nobody wants to lend the poor farmer enough ready cash to buy, new fertilizer, or to pay for that that cotton devoured last year.

These things are true and embarrassing but as for real "hard times" let us see a moment. The generation for which I speak knew nothing personally of the rigors and deprivations of the Civil War; we came along during "reconstruction," yet I remember most distinctly molasses and bread and one glass of milk for supper with butter once a week; our shoes were of the "copper-toed" variety, or rudely made by the village cobbler; our dresses were either "made over" from mother's or an older sister's,

or of the simplest calico and our lingerie was of red flannel, I think. Hats? O, don't you remember the "shakers?" They were tubes of woven straw, rounded at the closed end and trimmed with a ruffle around the neck that fell over the shoulders, and maybe there was a flat bow on top and strings that tied under the chin of the patient. Proud and haughty was the little minx whose "shaker" had a silken ruffle. Our daily complexion was guarded by "slat bonnets," also tubular, ruffled and tied and having the same effect as "blinders" have on a horse. Our homes were cold storage plants, warm only within the blaze of the open fire. Our school houses were horrors of discomfort and yet somehow they sent out educated men and women. I never ate a whole orange in my life until I was a grown woman; they were too rare and costly not to be carefully divided in a family and my children were grown before I owned a pair of silk hose. These conditions gradually improved until when I came to Rockingham to teach I had my first silk dress, two new calicoes and a hat that cost \$3.00, and it was a pretty hat at that.

Note the contrast of today—the silks and satins, fine woollens and furs on our streets. Even the negro girls who are supposed to be our servants appear in silk hose and patent-leather slippers with heels four inches high that cost more than a whole dress of our day. Our food is more abundant and of infinite variety and cost; we eat tomatoes in January and tropic fruit three times a day. Our homes are in many cases steam-heated from cellar to garret and furnished with a

luxury unknown to the mothers of those who live in them. Our schoolhouses are so warm and comfortable, neat and prettily decorated that any child may go to school for years and then think that Australia is north of Belgium.

Every week a new "drive" is put upon the public, for unheard of millions to be used for some worthy cause absolutely essential to the welfare of unknown billions of the human race. We speak of invisible friends five thousand miles away and whisper to those flying miles above us. We milk the cow and churn the butter, saw the wood, wash the clothes and flood our houses with a light surpassing that of the sun by punching a button on the wall—then lift up our voices and wail about "hard times." We have better food, better clothes, more comfortable homes, more luxurious schools, more costly churches, more rapid transportation than the world ever saw before. Therefore let us cheer up. Money may be "tight," but that is better than men in the same condition, so Hurrah! for prohibition, it is better than the open saloons. Let us stop dreaming dreams about the fine things we would like to have and to do and put our hands cheerfully and wisely to the task that lies close at hand, with courage for the present and faith in the future.

L. P. R.

California Crested Quail.

An opportunity is now given for the raising of a new species of quail in Richmond county if folks will help instead of hinder.

On Friday of last week Mr. E. B. Liles received by express from his brother, Billy, at Clifton, Arizona, a box containing 16 live California quail. He at once carried these to the club house on Henry Wall's farm, in Wolf Pitt township, where they were turned loose. It is hoped these beautiful birds will increase and get a fair start, and eventually furnish fine sport. It all depends upon their not being molested. So if you see one of these birds, for goodness sake let it alone.

This bird is described in the dictionary as the "California quail," or Lepophrys californicus. It can be quickly separated from our native partridge by means of an erectile black crest. This crest is about an inch long and stands straight up from the top of the head—a sort of plume. The top of the bird is a kind of slate color, the throat black bordered by white, the breast bluish and the lower part and flanks marked with white, black and chestnut streaks. This lower part and the flanks are almost identical with our own partridge. As stated, the chief difference is the crest over the head and the back being a slate color. This bird and our partridge are practically the same size.

Stutts Case From Steele's.

At the November, 1920, terms of Superior court, a white man from Steele's township named J. T. Stutts, submitted to the charge of assault with a deadly weapon. The judge sentenced him to six months on the roads, with commitment to be issued after Feb. 1st if he was still in the county. He paid the costs, and his jitney license was re-toked.

More recently a charge has been preferred against him, that of f. and a. with a colored girl, Mamie Medley. He was arrested in Montgomery county a few weeks ago and placed under \$500 bond for his appearance for a preliminary hearing at Rockingham on Feb. 21st. The colored girl was placed in jail in default of a bond. On last Monday, the day set for the hearing, quite a number of citizens of that township were present, but the defendant Stutts failed to show up, thereby forfeiting the \$500 bond that his brother, O. D. Stutts, had put up for him. The woman was of necessity on hand, she having been in jail, and the evidence was introduced as to her. The state was represented by private prosecution, Attorney T. L. Caudle, of Wadesboro. After hearing the evidence, Magistrate H. L. Guthrie bound the woman to Superior court, April 11th, under \$500 bond; she was unable to raise this bond, and so was sent back to jail to await court.

New Store Firm.

As can be seen elsewhere in this issue, the Dockery-Allen Company store, ice plant and fertilizer plant have been bought by the Dockery Mercantile and Manufacturing Company. The members of the new firm are M. H. French, who travels for the N. Jacobi Hdw. Co., of Wilmington, and who has his headquarters at Rockingham; F. I. Mason, who has charge of the ice plant; Willie Williams, who will attend to the book work for the firm. The store will be managed by Jas. Ewing.

The new firm states that they will sell for cash only, and will "buy close and sell the same way."

Second Snow.

The second real snow of the winter fell Monday evening. It began about 6:15 o'clock and continued steadily until after eight o'clock. It stuck well, to the depth of nearly two inches, but fortunately the clouds rifted, the moon shone forth and the threat of a deep snow was removed. Tuesday was spring-like, and by noon practically every trace of the snow was gone.

To be exact, the depth measured one and three-fourth inches; this represented a precipitation of one-fourth of an inch (snow is supposed to average ten inches depth to one inch precipitation.)

Stephenson-Belk will have an embroidery expert at their store Saturday. See announcement at bottom of page eight.

Credit to Town.

Photographer D. F. Morgan in the past few weeks has installed a machine that is a credit to Rockingham. In fact, this new machine has only been perfected in the past two years and this one bought by Mr. Morgan was the second bought in this state. It is called the Eastman Projection Printer, and with it the photographer can enlarge prints from 1 1/2 up to 8 diameters from 5x7 and smaller negatives, with a maximum capacity of 30x40 inches! In other words, he can now take a postcard negative and enlarge it to almost any size desired.

40 Immune Hogs.

The Duroc Farms sale of fine-blooded hogs will be held tomorrow (Friday) at the Long farm, on the Hamlet road, about one mile from Rockingham. Lunch will be served the visitors at 12 o'clock, and at one o'clock the sale starts. 38 bred gilts and sows and 2 boars will be sold at auction. An auction sale of this character is always interesting, and doubtless there will be many spectators on hand, as well as prospective buyers.

Turn to the Right Signs.

Substantial "turn to the right" signs were a few days ago placed in the center of the street at the southwest corner of the courthouse, and at the corner of Depot and Main streets. These "signs" consist of concrete barrels, weighing possibly 400 pounds, with a sign board on top directing traffic to keep to the right. The barrels were prepared by the Dixie Motor Co.

The town bought a number of "silent policemen" last year, but the motorists soon wore them up. The chances are that these concrete "policemen" will do more damage to the colliding car, than be damaged.

Marriage Licenses.

*Feb. 21—John G. Hayes and Sarah Loucile Huff, white.
Feb. 22—Willie Wadkins and Pecalia Davis, colored.
Feb. 24—Churchill Wharton and Ellen Gregory, white.

Gold Fiber Screen.

The Star picture show Tuesday installed a new gold-fiber screen made in St. Louis, and this will enable the new Powers machine to project the pictures smoother and better. The machine booth is being enlarged, and the remodeled old machine will be put in operation together with the new machine, so that there will be no break in the continuity of a picture. One machine will begin where the other machine leaves off.

Cotton Still Lower.

New York futures today touched the lowest point since 1914, the contract months being: March 12.27, May 12.80, July 13.25, Oct. 13.80.

Rockingham prices: Middling 11 1/2c, strict middling 12 1/2c.

PUSH ROCKINGHAM FORWARD.

BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Standing of Teams in Contests For Championship of County.

BOYS:			
	Played	Won	Lost
Ellerbe	2	2	0
Hoffman	1	1	0
Rockingham	2	1	1
Roberdel	1	0	1
Derby	2	0	2

GIRLS:			
	Played	Won	Lost
Rockingham	2	2	0
Ellerbe	1	0	1
Roberdel	1	0	1
Derby	0	0	0
Hamlet	0	0	0

Ellerbe Beats Derby.

The Ellerbe basketball team continues in the lead for the county championship, that team on last Friday decisively winning from Derby school team by score of 25-9.

On the same day the Rockingham boys annexed the big end of a 17-6 score with the Roberdel boys, on the Rockingham court. The Rockingham girls beat Roberdel girls by score of 39-10, and therefore holds their percentage of games won at an even 1000.

Owing to the sickness of two of the Derby girls their game with Ellerbe was not played last Friday.

Rockingham team does not play tomorrow (Friday). The schedule calls for the following:

Friday, Feb. 25th.
Roberdel vs. Derby, at Derby.
Hogman vs. Ellerbe, at Hoffman.
Friday, March 4th.
Rockingham vs. Derby, at Derby.
Hoffman vs. Roberdel, at Roberdel.

Friday, March 11th.
Hoffman vs. Rockingham, at Rockingham.
Ellerbe vs. Roberdel, at Roberdel.
Friday, March 18th.
Final championship game at Rockingham.

(Note: the above schedule is for both boys and girls teams, except in case of Hoffman; that school has no girls team, and so the Hamlet school girls' team plays where Hoffman girls are scheduled.)

Dr. McIntosh, the county health officer, has some timely remarks on page eight. Read his article.

Marshville Wins.

Marshville high school defeated the Rockingham High in basketball here this afternoon 18-7.
The girls will play Cheraw Friday at Cheraw.

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J. W. JENKINS

They Hadn't Expected It!

"OCONEE, GA., Feb. 10.—A tornado that struck the Garnder settlement, one mile from here, shortly after the noon hour today brought death to two white persons and nearly 30 negroes, and serious injury to five white persons and more than a score of negroes.

"A stretch of land extending from Oconee almost to Toombsboro, in Washington county, nearly five miles long and about a half-mile wide, is as barren as a prairie, tonight notbuilding nor a tree being left standing."

And Neither Do You.

But it will come some day, and when least expected. Be prepared; get insured. We insure against Fire, Tornado, Burglary, Auto Theft etc. See us.

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